Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

to Your Maj^ties^ Service and Interest against all Your present and future Enemyes.

Jno Smith, Recto^r^; Phill: Ludwell, Dan Parke, Fra: Nicholson, Matthew Page, W. Edwards, Lewis Burwell, Will Fitzhugh, R. Wormeley, William Byrd, James Blair, Benjn Harrison, Miles Cary.

Endorsed: Address from Virginia.

ASHTON FAMILY.

[*See page* 115.]

A Copy of the Record in the Family Bible of Burditt Ashton, of King George County, Va.[1]

Charles Ashton, born the 3rd of May, 1712, and departed this life the 2nd of April, 1781.

Sarah Ashton, his wife, born on the 9th of July, 1715, and departed this life on the 28th day of October, 1772.

Burditt Ashton,[2] son of Charles and Sarah Ashton, born November 21, 1747, about twelve o'clock at night.

Married Ann Washington, daughter of Augustine Washington and Anne, his wife, the 19th of December, 1768. Ann Ashton, wife of the aforesaid Burditt Ashton, was born on the 2nd of April, 1752, and departed this life on the 3rd of June, 1777, about 11 o'clock in the morning.

Sarah Ashton, daughter of the above Burditt and Anne Ashton, born 30th September, 1769; baptized by the Rev. Mr. Will. Stuart: John Ashton, Lawrence Ashton, Alexander Spottswood, Mrs. Anne Washington, Miss Jane Washington, and Miss Anne Booth, sponsors.

Charles Augustine Ashton, son of the aforesaid Burditt and Anne Ashton, born on the 2nd of December, 1770, and baptized by the Rev. Arch^d^ Campbell: Lawrence Washington, William Augustine Washington, Anne Washington, Jane Washington, Sponsors, and died on the eleventh of September, 1799, aged twenty-eight years, nine months, and ten days.

Burditt and Anne Ashton, children of the aforesaid Burditt and

---

[1] This record was kindly furnished by John C. Ashton, resident in Portsmouth, Va.

[2] The maker of this record. The name Burditt seems to have been also spelt Burdett.

Anne Ashton, were born 22nd of March, 1773. John Ashton, Fran[s] Wilson, Charles Ashton, Jr., Anne Washington, and Elizabeth Smith, sponsors.

Ann Ashton died 27 (here the record is torn), Burditt Ashton, Jr., died January 18, 1812.

Burditt Ashton was married to Sarah Blair, daughter of Captain James Blair, and Sarah, his wife, on the 3rd day of December, 1778. Sarah Ashton, wife of Burditt Ashton, was born on the 21st day of February, 1758, and departed this life on the 11th of November, 1780, about 1 o'clock, afternoon.

Sarah Keene Ashton, daughter of the above Burditt and Sarah Ashton, born 23rd of September, 1779. William Bernard, David Galloway, Henry Ashton, Sarah Bernard, Margaret Galloway, and Elizabeth Blair, sponsors.

Margaret Blair Ashton, daughter of the aforesaid Burditt and Sarah Ashton, born 25th of October, 1780, and departed this life on the 11th of April, 1781.

Burditt Ashton was married to Mary Keene, daughter of Captain Newton Keene, and Sarah, his wife, on the 18th day of February, 1783.

Mary Ashton, wife of the above Burditt Ashton, was born on the 30th day of April, 1762.

John Newton Ashton,[1] son of the above Burditt and Mary Ashton, was born on the 7th day of May, 1784. Charles Ashton, John Ashton, Jr., Hannah Ashton, Mary Watts Ashton, Peggy Ashton, and Sarah Ashton, sponsors.

Hannah Butler Ashton, daughter of the above Burditt and Mary Ashton, was born on the 2nd day of November, 1785. Henry Washington, Burditt Ashton, Jr., Sarah Washington, Sarah Ashton, and Hannah Ashton, Jr., sponsors.

Mary Ashton, daughter of the aforesaid Burditt and Mary Ashton, was born on the 16th day of November, 1787. Charles Stuart, Burditt Ashton (the younger), Peggy Ashton, Hannah Ashton, Jr., sponsors.

Burditt Ashton departed this life March 8, 1814, at 7 o'clock in in the morning; aged sixty-six years, three months, and three days.

SUMMARY.

Charles Ashton, of King George county, Va., was born on the 3d of May, 1712, and died on the 2d of April, 1781, aged nearly sixty-nine years. Sarah,

[1] Grandfather of John C. Ashton, of Portsmouth.

his wife, was born on the 9th of July, 1715, and died on the 28th of October, 1772, aged fifty-seven years.

Burditt, son of Charles and Sarah Ashton, was born on the 24th of November, 1747, and died the 8th of March, 1814, aged sixty-six years.

On the 19th of December, 1768, Burditt Ashton married Ann, daughter of Augustine Washington, by whom he had four children, viz.: Burditt, Sarah, Charles and Ann, all of whom died without marrying.

Mrs. Ann Ashton died 3d of June, 1777.

Burditt Ashton next married Sarah Blair, daughter of Capt. James Blair, on the 3d of December, 1778, who died on the 11th of November, 1780, leaving one daughter—Sarah Keene Ashton—who married Colonel Stuart, by which marriage there were three children, viz.: Charles Stuart, Sarah Blair Stuart (who married Gustavus Alexander) and Frances Stuart (who married Doctor —— Lewis, of Brunswick county, Va.) all of whom left quite a number of children.[1]

Burditt Ashton, next, married Mary Keene, daughter of Capt. Newton Keene, of Northumberland county, Va., on February 18, 1783, by which marriage he had three children, viz.: John Newton Ashton, born the 7th of May, 1784; Hannah Butler Ashton, born 2d November, 1785, and Mary Ashton, born 16th of November, 1787.

Mrs. Mary Ashton died about the year 1835.

John Newton Ashton, son of Burditt and Mary Ashton, married Louisa Ann, daughter of Charles Ashton about the year 1810, by whom he had five children, viz.: Mary Burditt Ashton, born in the year 1813; John Newton Ashton, born 4th Octobber, 1815; Oscar Ashton, born 13th of February, 1819; Louisa Ann Ashton, born 1822, and Gurden Chapin Ashton, born in July, 1825.

On the 25th of July, 1825, Mrs. Louisa Ann Ashton died, in the thirtieth year of her age.

On the 23d day of December, 1830, John Newton Ashton, next, married Ann Maria, daughter of Major John Ashton, and in the year 1831 moved from King George county, Va., to Washington City, D. C. By Ann Maria Ashton he had four children, viz.: Lauramore Ashton, born January 5, 1832; James Whitcomb and Jackson Van Buren (twins), born 11th of November, 1836, and Edgar, born 2d of October, 1839.

Mrs. Ann Maria Ashton died on the 5th of February, 1840.

In the year 1849 John Newton Ashton moved to Portsmouth, Va., where he resided up to the time of his death, on the 20th day of August, 1855, aged seventy-one years, three months and thirteen days.

Hannah Butler Ashton, danghter of Burditt and Mary Ashton, married Capt. George H. Terrett, of Fairfax county, Va.[2]

---

[1] "It may be of interest to know that Burditt Ashton was an ancestor of the wife of Judge Augustus Van Wyck, the present nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of New York. Mrs. Van Wyck was a Miss Wilkins, and a descendant of Dr. Lewis, of Brunswick county, Va., who married Frances Stuart, whose mother was Sarah Keene Ashton, the daughter of Burditt and Sarah (Blair) Ashton."—*John C. Ashton.*

[2] "It is stated on page 116, paragraph 15, that Hannah Butler Ashton, daughter of Henry[4] Ashton, married George Hunter Terrett. The record above

Mary Ashton, daughter of Burditt and Mary Ashton, married Jacob Wray Stuart, of King George county, Va. Both of the above left large families.

Charles Ashton, the emigrant, was, doubtless, a near kinsman of Col. Peter Ashton, a resident of Northumberland county, who died *sine prole* in or before 1671. Col. Peter gave his brother James Ashton, of Kirby Underwood, county Lincoln, his estate called "Chatterton," in King George county. The latter came to Virginia, and died *sine prole* about 1687. There was another brother, John Ashton, of Lowth, county Lincoln, England, who also died *sine prole.* James Ashton gave "Chatterton" to his cousin, John Foster, of Woodbridge, in the county of Cambridge, gentleman: and another tract of 200 acres to his cousin John Ashton, haberdasher, living in Russell street, Covent Garden. There is a deed (dated January 10, 1705) recorded in Stafford county, from John Foster, of Wisbich, alias Woodbridge, in the isle of Ely, in the county of Cambridge, Gent., to Elisha James, of the city of Bristol, mariner, conveying that plantation called "Chatterton" (550 acres), on Potomac river, bounded by the land called "King of Potomac's Old Fields," the lands of Col. William Fitzhugh, etc.; the said plantation being devised by Peter Ashton to James Ashton, and by James Ashton to John Foster aforesaid. These Ashtons left no descendants in Virginia. They were, most probably, of the family of Ashton of Spalding, Lincolnshire, descended from the Ashtons of Chatterton. Lancashire; hence the name of Col. Peter Ashton's estate on the Potomac. Col. Henry Ashton Ramsay, of Baltimore, writes: "I noticed among the early records at Annapolis that Dr. Thomas Gerrard, with part of his family, brought over John and Peter Ashton. Dr. Gerrard was from Lancashire, and from the visitations of the county it is shown that the Gerrards and Ashtons intermarried; also the Kays and Ashtons. Dr. Gerrard removed to Westmoreland, Virginia, and his goddaughter married Col. Henry Ashton." (See, also, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. II., p. 27.)

There is at Westover the tombstone of Lieutenant Colonel Walter Aston, whose name has been sometimes written *Ashton* by mistake.

There is a deed recorded at Fairfax Courthouse, dated April 1, 1752, which states that Col. Henry Ashton, late of Westmoreland county, by deed dated March 31, 1731, gave to his two sons, Henry and John, one large silver punchbowl, silver ladle, silver spoons, two silver tankards, one of them holding a pottle, the other, something more; one small silver tankard, four silver tumblers, one large silver plate, two silver candlesticks, one silver caudle cup, two silver castors, two dozen silver spoons, and five silver salts, etc.; that said John Ashton had died intestate, and that Richard Blackburn, of Prince William county, and the widow of said Ashton, who had become possessed of the said

---

shows that Hannah Butler Ashton, a daughter of Burditt and Mary, married George H. Terrett, of Fairfax county, Va., and the first statement is probably an error. She was a sister of my grandfather, John Newton[6] Ashton, and her descendant, George H. Terrett (major United States marine corps, colonel in Confederate States Army, etc.), was personally known to my father, John Newton[7] Ashton. It was the wife of Colonel George H. Terrett who presented my father with the old Bible of Burditt Ashton, and she also gave him a mourning brooch containing some of the hair of Burditt and Mary Ashton, which is now in my possession."—*John C. Ashton.*

plate, now delivers the same to said Henry Ashton, the son, who had attained his majority. (For an account of Col. Richard Blackburn, see QUARTERLY, IV., page 266,)

There is at Mt. Moriah, King George county, Virginia, a tombstone bearing the following inscription:

HENRICUS ALEXANDER ASHTON
Natus Anno Domini
MDCCLVII
Die Januarii XXVII
Obiit Anno Domini
MDCCCVI
Die Maii IV
Exemplum Honestatis, Justitiæ,
Et cujuscunque Virtutis.

This "Henricus Alexander Ashton" was No. 17 in the pedigree, page 116.

"Mount Moriah, in King George county, is situated at Matthias Point, on the Potomac. It was the plantation of Colonel John Taylor Washington, who died in the service of the Southern Confederacy. The place was bombarded and destroyed by Federal gunboats, and Col. Washington's wife, Mary Dent Ashton Washington, daughter of George Ashton, of King George county, and granddaughter of Hon. Charles Dent, of Charles county, Md., and of Colonel Henry Alexander Ashton, of King George county, Va., was forced to fly from home, at the dead hour of the night, with her children. She died October 14, 1898, greatly beloved.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

John Walker, lately arrived in Williamsburg, from London, and who for ten years past has been engaged in the education of youth, undertakes to instruct young gentlemen in reading, writing, and arithmetic, the most material branches of classical learning and ancient and modern geography and history; but as the noblest end of erudition and human attainment, he will exert his principal endeavors to improve their morals in proportion to their progress in learning, that no parent may repent his choice in trusting him with the education of his children.

Mrs. Walker likewise teaches young ladies all kinds of needle work, makes capuchines, shades, hats, bonnets, and will endeavour to give satisfaction to those who will honour her with their custom.

The above-mentioned John Walker and his wife live at Mrs. Cobb's new house, next to Mr. Coke's, near the road going down to the capitol landing, where there is also to be sold men's shoes and pomps, turkey coffee, edging and lace for ladies' caps, and some gold rings.—*Va. Gazette*, December 1, 1752.